GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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VIDEO CONFERENCING IN THE COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes the recording of evidence of witnesses in the courts by video conferencing;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to record such evidence within the quickest time frame, particularly in criminal cases;

(c) if so , the details thereof and progress achieved in this regard; and (

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) to (d): In the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill,2006 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd August, 2006, it is proposed to replace the existing proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 164 with another proviso, providing for recording of any confession or statement made under that sub-section by audio-video electronic means in the presence of the advocate of the person accused of an offence.